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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/708,874	SHAN ET AL.
	Examiner BRIAN P. YENKE	Art Unit 2622

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 30 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (Figs 1-2) in view of Kim et al., US 6,822,691.

AAPA discloses a inter-frame Y/C separation system which samples and temporarily stores the memory in memory 240 (Fig 2), where the Y/C separator then measures the differences between the luma data and chroma data by using the current frame and the next frame as shown.

Thus AAPA does not disclose a system, which includes the values of a previous frame (i.e. m-1), and a subsequent previous frame (i.e. m-2) in the computation.

The concept of using four frames (i.e. next, current, previous, and next previous) the last previous (m-1) and previous(m-2) frames are conventional options available to the user/designer in determining how many frames the detection process should incorporate, where a larger number of frames would obviously require more computations, but at the same time provide a more precise motion determination as would be expected.

The examiner incorporates Kim et al. (US 6,822,691) which discloses the concept of determining/detection the amount of motion by using the claimed next, current, previous (m-1) and previous (m-2) frames (Fig 3).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify AAPA which discloses the computation of values using the current and next frame motion by also including the previous (m-1) and previous (m-2) frames as done conventionally (Kim et al), in order to provide an even more accurate determination on the chroma/luma values, which would ultimately provide the user a better displayed image.

Regarding claims 2 and 4,

AAPA discloses the addition/averaging (for luma) and addition/subtraction/averaging of two values, whereas as stated above with respect to claim 1, if four frames/values are utilized, then 4 four values would be added and/or subtracted then averaged accordingly, meeting the claimed limitations.

Regarding claim 3,

AAPA discloses that sampling of a composite NTSC signal is performed as claimed (see disclosure pertaining to Prior Art Figs 1-3).

Regarding claim 5,

AAPA discloses that (Fig 2) that the data is calculated for the current frame (i.e. frame m), meeting the claimed limitation.

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure—see newly cited references on attached form PTO-892.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Yenke whose telephone number is (571)272-7359. The examiner work schedule is Monday-Thursday, 0730-1830 hrs.

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